

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Health Regulation Committee

BILL: SB 1136

INTRODUCER: Senator Gelber

SUBJECT: Medical Faculty Certificates

DATE: April 8, 2009

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Munroe	Wilson	HR	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	HE	_____
3.	_____	_____	HI	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill increases the maximum number, from 15 to 30, of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to the faculty at each of the following institutions: the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida. The bill increases the maximum number, from 5 to 10, of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to the faculty at the Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

This bill amends section 458.3145, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, governs the practice of medicine. The Department of Health may issue a medical faculty certificate without examination to an individual who: is a graduate of an accredited medical school or its equivalent, or is a graduate of a foreign medical school listed with the World Health Organization; holds a valid, current license to practice medicine in another jurisdiction; has completed the application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee no greater than \$500; has completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least 1 year or has received training which has been determined by the Board of Medicine (board) to be equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement; is at least 21 years of age; is of good moral character; has not committed any act in Florida or any other jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a physician; and has been offered and has accepted a full-time faculty appointment to teach in a program of medicine at the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, Florida International University, University of Central Florida or Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

The certificate authorizes the holder to practice only in conjunction with his or her faculty position at an accredited medical school and its affiliated clinical facilities or teaching hospitals that are registered with the board as sites at which holders of medical faculty certificates will be practicing. The certificate automatically expires when the holder's relationship with the medical school is terminated or after a period of 24 months, whichever occurs sooner, and is renewable every 2 years by a holder who applies to the board on a form prescribed by the board and provides certification by the dean of the medical school that the holder is a distinguished medical scholar and an outstanding practicing physician.

The number of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to each institution or facility is limited to a maximum of 15 medical faculty certificate holders at: the University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, Florida International University, University of Central Florida, and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida. A maximum of five medical faculty certificates may be issued to Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

An annual review of each certificate recipient is made by the dean of the accredited medical school and reported to the Board of Medicine.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill increases the maximum number, from 15 to 30, of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to the faculty at each of the following institutions: University of Florida, University of Miami, University of South Florida, Florida State University, and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida. The bill increases the maximum number, from 5 to 10, of medical faculty certificates that may be issued to faculty at the Mayo Medical School at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2009.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Article VII, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on public records or open meetings issues under the requirements of Article I, Section 24(a) and (b) of the Florida Constitution.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on the trust fund restrictions under the requirements of Article III, Subsection 19(f) of the Florida Constitution.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Officials at the Department of Health have indicated that the bill will not have any fiscal impact on the department.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.